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1. [REDACTED] SEPTEMBER 1973

[REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] FORMER CONGRESSIONAL
LEADERS OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) THAT THE MILITARY
JUNTA WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THE UNFAVORABLE IMAGE IT FEELS

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IT HAS DEVELOPED. [REDACTED] THAT ESPECIALLY INTERNATIONALLY, BUT ALSO DOMESTICALLY, THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS THE IMAGE OF BEING "BLOODY AND REPRESSIVE." [REDACTED] THE JUNTA RECOGNIZED IT HAD MADE MISTAKES IN ITS INITIAL CONDUCT AND WAS WILLING TO TAKE MEASURES TO CORRECT THEM AND TO IMPROVE ITS IMAGE.

2. [REDACTED] THAT BETWEEN 20 AND 24 SEPTEMBER, 27 CADAVERS WERE RECOVERED FROM THE MAPOCHO RIVER IN SANTIAGO, SOME OF WHICH SHOWED SIGNS OF TORTURE AND MUTILATION. [REDACTED] THOSE IDENTIFIED TO DATE WERE LOW-RANKING AND WORKING-CLASS MEMBERS OF THE POPULAR UNITY (U.P.) PARTIES. THE JUNTA SAYS THAT THE ARMED FORCES AND CARABINEROS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE MURDERS AND BELIEVES IT IS THE WORK OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS OF VIGILANTES. HOWEVER, THE JUNTA IS CONCERNED OVER THE STRONG EFFECT THE DISCOVERY OF THE BODIES IS HAVING IN THE POORER SECTIONS OF SANTIAGO AND FEARS IT WILL BE BLAMED FOR THESE ACTIVITIES BY THE WORKING CLASS POPULATIONS.

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3. [REDACTED] THAT THE JUNTA HAS RECOGNIZED THAT THE DETENTIONS AND INTERROGATIONS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE NATIONAL STADIUM IN SANTIAGO HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY DISORGANIZED

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AND DESULTORY. AS A RESULT, EFFECTIVE 27 SEPTEMBER THE JUNTA HAS ORDERED THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PRISONER INTERROGATION CENTER AT THE NATIONAL STADIUM. THE MINISTRY, AND [REDACTED] HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO EXPEDITE BOTH THE INTERROGATIONS AND THE RELEASE OF PRISONERS AT THE STADIUM.

3. [REDACTED] THE JUNTA HAS RECONSIDERED ITS POLICY ON REFUSING TO GIVE SAFE CONDUCT OUT OF THE COUNTRY TO ASYLEES IN EMBASSIES IN SANTIAGO WHO ARE OFFICIALLY DECLARED AS WANTED BY THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. THE JUNTA NOW WILL PERMIT SAFE CONDUCT FOR ALL THOSE PERSONS IN REFUGE IN EMBASSIES.

[REDACTED] IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER THE CHANGE IN POSITION [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WOULD APPLY TO A DOZEN OF THE MOST WANTED FUGITIVES, FOR WHOM THE GOVERNMENT, ON 27 SEPTEMBER, ANNOUNCED REWARDS OF 500,000 ESCUDOS EACH FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THEIR CAPTURE.)

4. [REDACTED] THE MEMBERS OF THE JUNTA WERE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY ARGUMENTS BY EDGARDO B O E N I N G E R, RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHILE, AGAINST GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION

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IN THE NATION'S UNIVERSITIES.

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BOENINGER IS SATISFIED WITH THIS SOLUTION AND
WILL NOT RESIGN AS HE HAD THREATENED.

THE 28 SEPTEMBER EDITION OF "LA PRENSA" NEWSPAPER
CARRIED A DECLARATION STATING BOENINGER HAS NOT PRESENTED HIS
RESIGNATION TO THE JUNTA. BOENINGER AND THE COUNCIL OF RECTORS
OF CHILEAN UNIVERSITIES ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH THE JUNTA
AT 1700 HOURS ON 28 SEPTEMBER, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE.)

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